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of the numerous independent duchies, margraviates, bishoprics, free cities, etc. in north-central Europe. It was not until after the Franco-Prussian War in 1870 that these "states" united to form the German Empire.

From 1727 to 1775, 325 ships brought a total of 65000 persons, represented by 26000 signers, from the Palatinate and adjacent places to Philadelphia. The influx to Pennsylvania was even greater because some also came through the port of Baltimore, and others, especially many Moravians, landed in New York and then went on to Bethlehem and other centers. Finally, 175 ships with a total of 9000 German immigrants registered in Philadelphia from 1785 to 1808.

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